

during that week. I urge all Americans to observe Flag Day, June 14, and Flag Week by flying the Stars and Stripes from their homes and other suitable places.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-four, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-eighth.

RICHARD NIXON

Proclamation 4296

June 4, 1974

World Environment Day, 1974

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

On May 4, 1974, I had the pleasure of helping to inaugurate EXPO '74, a six-month long exhibition in Spokane, Washington, dedicated to the improvement of the human environment. This exposition is one of many examples of a deepening concern for the quality of life in America.

While much remains to be done, all Americans can be gratified by the substantial success which has already occurred with respect to a number of environmental concerns. Air quality is improving in most of our urban areas as harmful emissions have been reduced. Water quality is similarly improving. In the Great Lakes game fish are returning to areas from which they had long been absent, due in large measure to the cooperative work which we have undertaken with our Canadian neighbors under the terms of an agreement which I signed with Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada on April 15, 1972, in Ottawa. We are working with other nations to deal effectively with a variety of environmental problems, and there will be continued progress.

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June 5 will mark the second anniversary of World Environment Day. This date was established by the United Nations as a day on which the peoples of the world can undertake activities reaffirming their concern for the preservation and enhancement of the human environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do, in support of the action of the United

Nations General Assembly, call on the people of the United States and United States Government agencies to observe once again June 5 as World Environment Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities emphasizing the concern of Americans for a better environment in which to live.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this fourth day of June in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-eighth.

RICHARD NIXON

Proclamation 4297

June 7, 1974

Father's Day, 1974

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

For many Americans, Father's Day is best celebrated by showering the male head of the household with carefully chosen gifts.

These gifts are symbolic, of course, of the year-round love and gratitude which children feel for both of their parents. From their fathers frequently come the strength and stability which children of all ages need in order to grow up to be constructive, confident men and women. Fathers offer guiding hands for children to pass successfully through the difficulties and awkwardness of youth. And fathers bring harmony and balance to life in the home.

Nineteen seventy-four is an especially poignant time to celebrate Father's Day, since this year no young American soldiers are being sent to fight anywhere in the world. A nation at peace: this is the legacy that all fathers want to leave their children and is ultimately the greatest gift of all on Father's Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, in accordance with a joint resolution of Congress approved April 24, 1972, do hereby request that June 16, 1974 be observed as Father's Day. I direct Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings, and I urge all citizens to display the flag at their homes and other suitable places on that day.